

Application A03-26-PC

February 17, 2026

IN THE MATTER OF the *Planning Act, R.S.O., 1990, c.P.13*, as amended, and Section 5.3 (e) of the City of Port Colborne Zoning By-law 6575/30/18, as amended;

AND IN THE MATTER OF the lands legally known as Lot 100, Part Lot 99, on Plan 42, NP874, in the City of Port Colborne, located in the First Density Residential (R1) zone, municipally known as 22 Ridgewood Avenue.

AND IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION by the agent, Hank Nauta, on behalf of the owner, Tanya Franke, for relief from the provisions of Zoning By-law 6575/30/18, as amended, under section 45 of the *Planning Act, R.S.O 1990 C.P 13*, to permit the construction of a new accessory structure, notwithstanding the following:

1. That a minimum interior side yard setback of 0.5m for a carport be permitted, whereas a minimum interior side yard setback of 1.5m for a carport is required.

That the Committee of Adjustment recommend application **A03-26-PC** be **granted** for the following reasons:

1. **The application is minor in nature** as the proposed carport is to be built over the existing driveway, the nature of the lands will not change.
2. **It is appropriate for the development of the site** as the construction of a carport will not change the nature of the lands, as the proposed variance allows for it to be built over the existing driveway.
3. **It is desirable and in compliance with the general intent and purpose of the Zoning By-law** as the proposed carport is to be built over the existing driveway, which extends to the property line on the side. This provides the necessary room to park a vehicle in the carport in a manner that is safe, accessible, and functional for the residents.
4. **It is desirable and in compliance with the general intent and purpose of the Official Plan** as the requested variance will enable the reduction of the side yard setback to support the proposed carport. The proposed location of the carport is over the current driveway on the site, so the intended use will remain the same, remaining consistent with the permitted uses in the Urban Residential area.

NOTE: No public comments were received during the decision-making process.

DATED AT PORT COLBORNE this 11th day of February 2026.

DECISIONS SIGNED:

“Dan O’Hara”	“Dave Elliott”	“Eric Beauregard”	“Gary Bruno”
Signature of Committee Chair	Signature of Committee Member	Signature of Committee Member	Signature of Committee Member
Dan O’Hara	Angie Desmarais	Dave Elliott	Eric Beauregard

THE LAST DATE ON WHICH AN APPEAL TO THE ONTARIO LAND TRIBUNAL MAY BE FILED IS:

[March 3, 2026](#)

The Decision of the Committee of Adjustment, when not appealed, does not become final and binding until **20 days** from the giving of the notice has elapsed as set out in subsection (21) of Section 53 of The Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13, as amended.

Appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal

The applicant, the Minister or any specified person or public body who has an interest in the matter may within 20 days of the making of the minor variance decision (20 days from date of mailing of consent decision) appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) against the decision of the Committee by filing with the Secretary-Treasurer of the Committee a completed Appellant Form (A1) accompanied by payment of the fee. **A copy of the appeal form is available on the Ontario Land Tribunals website at <https://olt.gov.on.ca/tribunals/lpat/forms/appellant-applicant-forms/>**

Cost of the Appeal

The cost of the appeal is \$400 for the first consent, or minor variance application. Each additional appeal filed by the same appellant against connected consent or minor variance applications is \$25.00. Appeal fees must be paid by certified cheque or money order to the **Minister of Finance**.

OLT Process

On an appeal to the OLT, the Tribunal shall, except if all appeals are withdrawn or if the Tribunal dismisses the appeal, hold a hearing of which notice shall be given to the applicant, the appellant, the Secretary-Treasurer of the Committee and to such other persons and in such manner as the Tribunal may determine. If within such 20 days no notice of appeal is given, the decision of the Committee is final and binding, and the Secretary-Treasurer shall notify the applicant. Where all appeals to the OLT are withdrawn the decision of the committee is final and binding and the Secretary of the Tribunal shall notify the Secretary-Treasurer of the committee who in turn shall notify the applicant.

OLT Dismissal Without Hearing

The OLT may dismiss the appeal and may make any decision that the Committee could have made on the original application. The OLT may dismiss all or part of any appeal without holding a hearing, on its own motion or on the motion of any party if it is the opinion that,

1. The reasons set out in the notice of appeal do not disclose any apparent land use planning ground which the Tribunal could allow all or part of the appeal;
2. The appeal is not made in good faith, or is frivolous, or vexatious;
3. The appeal is only made for the purpose of delay;
4. The appellant has not provided written reasons for the appeal;
5. The appellant has not paid the fee prescribed under the *Ontario Land Tribunal Act*, or;
6. The appellant has not responded to a request by the OLT for further information within the time specified by the Tribunal.

Appeals should be directed to:

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